

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following section headings on page 1, after the title and before line 3:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1) Field of the Invention --

Please insert the following section heading on page 1, at line 5:

-- 2) Description of the Prior Art --

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-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 25, with the following replacement paragraph:

-- The invention provides for this purpose a system ~~of the type stated in the preamble,~~ comprising: means for generating an energy field, wherein the energy field is formed by one or more pulse streams, at least one article of sports equipment provided with at least one disrupting means for locally disrupting the energy field, detecting means for detecting the local disruption of the energy field, and a control unit coupled to the detecting means for localizing the article of sports equipment on the basis of the detected local disruption. --

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, beginning at line 23, with the following replacement paragraph:

-- The invention also relates to a method for localizing sports equipment ~~using such a system,~~ comprising the steps of: A) generating an energy field, wherein the energy field is formed by one or more pulse streams, B) placing in the energy field at least one article of sports equipment, provided with at least one disrupting means for locally disrupting the energy field, C) detecting the local disruption of the energy field, and D) localizing the article of sports equipment on the basis of the detected local disruption. Articles of sports equipment can thus be localized in the energy field in relatively efficient, precise and rapid manner. Further advantages of the method according to the invention have already been described above. --

Please insert the following section heading on page 5, at line 8:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --